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RULES

AND

REGULATIONS

OF

ALBERT LODGE

OF

FREE GARDENERS,

INSTITUTED IN THIS CITY ON

Sept. 1, 1846.

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This is to certify that Brother

was made a Free Gardener in Albert Lodge, on the

day of

and is entitled to all the

benefits thereof.

1846.

R. W. MASTER.

CHAPLAIN.

SECRETARY.

Quebec, September 1, 1846.

The name of this Society shall be, **ALBERT LODGE** of **FREE GARDENERS**, whose object is to assist their Brethren in distress, or otherwise prevented from gaining a livelihood.

ARTICLE I.—No person can be admitted who is not a faithful subject of the Queen, and of good moral character.

II.—That this Lodge shall elect all their officers, viz., a Master, Chaplain, Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, three Stewards, two Key Bearers, and Tyler, at their yearly meeting, on the 22nd July; and should any member who may be elected to office, refuse to accept thereof, except such as may have been two years in office immediately preceding, shall be fined five shillings, which, as well as other fines of whatever nature, shall go to the funds of the Lodge.

III.—That all the property at present belonging to the Lodge, together with all the entry monies, monthly payments, and fines, paid by the members as mentioned through the Laws, with every sum or sums of money or property which the Lodge may acquire, shall constitute the funds of the Lodge.

IV.—That every member shall pay monthly one shilling and three pence ; and any one omitting to pay his monthly payments, shall be liable to such a fine as a majority of the Brethren may think proper to inflict.

V.—That no part of the funds shall ever be divided or become the private property of any person, in any manner whatever, but shall remain a permanent, separate, and distinct fund, for material benefit and support of all the members, while five of them remain in existence to manage the same.

VI.—Every person wishing to become a member of this Lodge, must be recommended by at least two members thereof, that he is a person sound in body and mind, and of a good moral character, above 18 and not exceeding 45 years of age, except as honorary members, or otherwise, on their paying the monthly dues herein provided, for the period they may be above the age of forty-five years.

VII.—That the admission of Brethren to become members, or of candidates for initiation, shall be by ballot, and if three black balls appear against either, he cannot be admitted.

VIII.—That the Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Lodge, of all orders thereof, with a register of the Office Bearers and Members, the dates of their respective admissions, appointments, and discharges, and be in general charge of all records.

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IX.—That all monies collected for the use of the Society, shall be left in the hands of the Treasurer, deposited in Bank or otherwise, as the members of the Lodge may direct.

X.—That every Brother shall provide himself with an apron, which he shall wear at the meetings of the Lodge; failing to do so, he shall be subject to a fine of 1s. 3d. for such neglect.

XI.—That no part of the funds of the Lodge shall be expended in drink or refreshments, in any manner whatever, but shall be wholly directed to benevolent and charitable purposes, except the necessary expence of management.

XII.—That any Brother applying to become a member, shall pay the sum eligible at the time, which shall always be one third less than the entry money of candidates.

XIII.—That no office bearer or member, in open Lodge, shall presume to make use of any profane, irreverent, or improper expressions, or to introduce any remarks or conversation, tending to cause a difference of opinion, on national, political, or religious subjects.

XIV.—That any member behaving in an improper manner, at any of the meetings of the Society, shall be fined 1s. 3d. for the first offence, 2s. 6d. for the second, and expulsion for any future.

XV.—That every member who shall subscribe the foregoing and subsequent Laws, shall be entitled to benefit, as soon as he has paid one year's monthly payments from the date of his entry, according to the strength of the funds, and discretion of the members present, and in case of an equality of votes, the casting vote of the Master shall decide.

XVI.—That if any member receiving benefit from the Society, shall be known to get intoxicated, or in any other way to conduct himself so as to prolong his illness, upon sufficient proof, he shall be expelled the Society.

XVII.—That if any member die, having no relations in the neighbourhood able to defray the expences of his funeral, the management of the same shall be taken by the office bearers, who shall bury him decently, from the funds of the Lodge.

XVIII.—That all the members at a procession, of whatever nature, shall be dressed in black, and at every meeting of the Lodge all shall be respectably dressed, as far as convenient.

XIX.—That any member disclosing any of the proceedings, decisions, or business of any kind, done within the Lodge, shall be liable to severe censure, and for a second offence shall render himself liable to expulsion

XX.—That all persons becoming members shall be understood, upon their entrance, to have subscribed and be bound by these rules and articles, finally agreed to, and declared to be the standing Code of Rules for the management of Albert Lodge, at a general meeting held this first day of October, 1846, any law or practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXI.—That the Lodge shall have the power to make such by-Laws as may be afterwards found necessary, provided they contain nothing inconsistent with or contrary to the foregoing.

XXII.—That this Lodge, as a Society, shall meet from the first of May to November, on Wednesday, fortnightly, and the remainder of the year every Wednesday, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., and on no account to be open after ten.

ed that the members of the lodge should be
instructed to have selected
and to be elected to the various offices and
to be the standard of the lodge
at a general meeting
held on October 10th, 1884, and on the
following day.

R. W. Masters

Chaplain.

P. Master.

S. Warden.

J. Warden.

Stewards.

Key Bearer.

Tyler

Treasurer.

Secretary.